GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PAK OFFICIAL PEDDLING FAKE INDIAN NOTES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Pak official held for peddling fake Indian notes` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated January 4, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)&(b) Government are aware that a staff member of the Pakistan Embassy in Nepal was caught red-handed in Kathmandu, in January 2000, while passing off counterfeit Indian currency to an undercover officer of the Nepal police.Government of Nepal had asked the Pakistani staff member to leave the country within 72 hours, on account of his involvement in an activity incompatible with his status.

Government are also aware of investigations being carried out by Delhi Police relating to a staff member of the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi allegedly using a counterfeit Indian currency note.There are other reports, too, of the involvement of Pakistani nationals in fake Indian currency rackets.

(c) Government remains vigilant about these activities.